



St. Edward's Council # 707



"United in Faith"

"Witness To God's Love"

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Clinton & Camanche, Iowa

Grand Knights Message

Well Lent is just about here and we have a lot of work ahead of us. I can't stress enough we are in need of everyone's help. Please be generous with your time and talent. We are the busiest fish fry in town and I would like to keep it that way. I would also like to encourage those who have not paid your 2008 dues please get this taken care of as soon as possible.

Your Grand Knight, Earl Farrell

District Deputy Report

Upcoming 2nd and 3rd degree exemplifications are March 2nd in Altoona, March 9th in Mt. Pleasant, March 30th in West Union, and April 13th in Cedar Rapids. Upcoming 4th degree exemplifications are March 30th in Ankeny, April 13th in Ottumwa and May 2nd in Sioux City at the State Convention.

God Bless, Curt Vath

Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies,

Just a short reminder that the Knights Fish Fries start in two weeks February 8th, 2008. If anyone can come up to the hall and help please do so but even if you can't stay long enough to help please come on up and support our Knights by eating our Fish. We all have to eat so what better place to do it than with the Knights. We are hoping for a good turn out and your attendance would be appreciated.

God Bless all of you, Betty Fullick.

Council Business

The council passed a resolution to submit to the State Council Knights of Columbus, for their consideration, for the purpose of extending the time a widow of a deceased insurance member has to upgrade or purchase an insurance policy. If the resolution is passed by the State it will be forwarded to the Supreme Office for their consideration.

Attendance Drawing

For January 14, for \$17.25, Jim Flood. Sorry not present.

Who are the Knights of Columbus?

One hundred twenty five years ago, the Knights of Columbus was established by a young priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, in New Haven, CT to strengthen a Christian presence that was severely discriminated against. Since then over 3,000,000 Knights of Columbus members and their families have focused on areas of concern that need continued attention by Catholic lay people today. Some of these areas are:

Conducting works of charity

Promoting human dignity and rights

Fostering respect for life

Fostering Religious liberty

Promoting social and economic justice

Promoting education, culture and art

Promoting vocations, including religious, marriage, family life and youth

New members still needed

Sometimes, the hardest thing about recruiting is taking the first step. Recruiting a new member can be as easy as asking them to join. Amazingly, many individuals haven't joined the Knights simply because they have

never been asked to join. When the opportunity arrives, take the initiative and start a conversation with a prospect. Ask him to imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference. Invite him to join.

Thank you

Thank you to Rev. L. J. Leonhardt for the \$100 donation, which was put in the Vocations and Scholarship fund.

Knight and Family of the Month

The Knight of the Month for February is Paul Outzen. The Family of the Month for February is Dan and Rose McEleney. Congratulation to all.

Fish Fries

Starting February 8 and continuing for six Fridays, St. Edwards Council will have Lenten Fish Fry's at St. Boniface Hall, 2520 Pershing Blvd., Clinton, starting at 4:30 - 7:00pm. Carryout is available and the public is welcome. The menu is either fried or baked fish (all you can eat), baked potato, French fries, applesauce, Rastrelli's bread, slaw & drink and again this year we will have grilled cheese sandwich. The price is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children 4 to 12 and children 3 and under free. Back again this year is 7 jumbo shrimp (**not all you can eat**) plus same side dishes for \$8.00. Be sure to bring the kids. They will enjoy the grilled cheese sandwiches. There may be some other dishes to make the meal interesting. Help will be needed Thursday evenings starting at 5:30 for a couple of hours and Friday morning at 10:00 am.

Fourth Degree

The next business meeting will be held February 19, 2008 at St. Ann's Church, Clarey Hall, 1705 6th St. East Moline, IL with Mass starting at 6:30 PM. Reservations are a must and should be given to Benito Gonzales at 242-7492 by February 15, 2008.

Iowa KC Charitable Foundation

In 2004, the Iowa State Council began the K of C Charitable Foundation to award grants to needy families and organizations. After several years of fundraising, the foundation has accumulated enough donations to begin awarding grants. The foundation is divided into four parts: the general fund, the "Helping Hands Fund," the intellectual disabilities fund, and the vocations and Catholic education fund. Anyone in the state can request a grant through local councils and assemblies. Donations may be made as a 501 (c) 3 which is tax deductible with a check made out to the Iowa KC Charitable Foundation with your choice of which fund you wish the money to go. Send your donation to Tom Wittrock 770 310th St., Bagley, IA. 50026-8014.

Knights of Columbus Benefits

INSURANCE AT WORK

"I already have insurance through my employer." We hear it all the time, but is it enough?

Many jobs offer some form of group insurance. Often this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge or perhaps a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that

he or she may not need to discuss personally owned life insurance. That kind of thinking can be a BIG mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to a salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die.

In fact without a needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), it may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced when you retire and sometimes reduced dramatically. Especially today there is the very real possibility that you could lose your job or that your benefits could be reduced and because you personally don't own the insurance, there is nothing you can do about it. In either case you could find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you could find yourself out of luck.

While group life helps and is usually very affordable, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide you a free, custom-tailored needs analysis so that you'll know exactly where you stand.

Please give me a call.

Mike Bormann, Field Agent, Knights of Columbus (563) 689-6800

Fr. Michael J. McGivney

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild, fill in and submit the form below.

I wish to join the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/zip _____

There is no cost to join the Guild but, if you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the mission of the Guild, checks should be made payable to The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT. 06510-3326.